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Report Highlights:

Rapeseed production in MY 2002/03 has been revised up almost 12 percent because of larger area planted and favorable growing and harvest conditions. Increased production and high world market prices will lead to increased exports estimated at around 230,000 tons.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
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Executive Summary

Although growing conditions for rapeseed varied by region this year, in general, rapeseed benefitted from favorable weather which resulted in good yields. The most recent Main Statistical Office (GUS) first crop estimate in Poland places this year's rapeseed production at almost the same level as a year ago.

Based on the latest GUS estimates, winter rapeseed area was larger than previously estimated by GUS and now is estimated at 411,000 hectares planted area of which 390,600 hectares was harvested, assuming 5 percent winter kill. Based on the same source, estimated spring planting was 37,700 hectares, 24 percent larger than a year ago. Consequently total harvested rapeseed area this year was 428,300 hectares, only 3.4 percent lower than a year ago and 7 percent larger than anticipated in our annual report, PL2007, dated 3/28/2002.

Early spring's favorable conditions and precipitation during flowering resulted in improved yields. The average rapeseed yield is estimated at 2.44 MT per hectare, almost 2 percent higher than last year's.

As a result of revised acreage and increased yields, the most recent GUS rapeseed crop estimate is almost the same as last year's. Consequently, we revised up MY 2002/03 rapeseed production to 1,050,000 tons, almost 12 percent over the previous estimate in PL2007.

Regardless of the relatively good crop, rapeseed prices on the local market tended to rise this season due to higher world market prices which stimulated competition between exporting companies and domestic processors for local rapeseed. In early August, rapeseed export prices offered at port elevators were zlotys 920-935 (USD 222 - 225) per ton while at other domestic locations for export around zlotys 890 (USD 214) per ton. Prices paid to farmers this year were approximately 10 percent above prices paid a year ago.

Based on current information, exporting companies are actively gathering local rapeseed for export. This information indicates that significant quantities will again be exported this year. Based on information from various sources, we estimate that virtually all additional production will be exported.

The MY 2002/03 rapeseed PSD table has been revised to reflect increased production and increased exports. Small adjustments were made in MY 2001/02 rapeseed production, exports, use and ending stock estimates due to the availability of more complete statistical data.

Rapeseed PS&D Table

PSD Table						
Country	Poland					
Commodity	Oilseed, Rapeseed				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/2000		07/2001		07/2002
Area Planted	445	445	460	447	450	449
Area Harvested	437	437	443	443	400	428
Beginning Stocks	4	4	23	44	10	0
Production	959	958	1100	1064	940	1050
MY Imports	5	5	10	1	30	50
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	5	5	10	1	30	30
TOTAL SUPPLY	968	967	1133	1109	980	1100
MY Exports	30	34	290	285	100	230
MY Exp. to the EC	30	34	100	100	50	100
Crush Dom. Consumption	837	820	763	770	800	800
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	78	69	70	54	70	60
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	915	889	833	824	870	860
Ending Stocks	23	44	10	0	10	10
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	968	967	1133	1109	980	1100
Calendar Year Imports	5	1	30	50	30	50
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	200	291	100	250	150	150
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0